

Remarks

Specifically, the Examiner has divided the currently pending claims into Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a container, and Group II, claims 13-16, drawn to method of sealing a container.

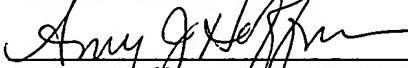
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a container. This election is made without traverse.

Withdrawn claims 13-16 have been canceled.

It is submitted that the above election is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this Response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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